Construction of hostels in Delhi University

1201. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether tenders for construction of two hostels one for the girls to be located at North Campus and the other for boys of North-Eastern States to be located at South Campus, of Delhi University, have been finalised; and

(b) if so, by when the programme of execution of this project is likely to be taken up and when it is going to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) On the basis of information furnished by the Delhi University, the contract for the P.G. Girls hostel at North Campus has already been awarded and Tenders for construction of 100 seated Boys hostel at South Campus of the University have been received. These hostels are expected to be completed within two years.

Change in the content of history text books

1202. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:
SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are contemplating a change in revising the content of school text books in history purportedly strengthening the nationalist content;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether it is a fact that such changes would include emphasising and enlarging the role of erstwhile Jana Sangh leaders?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

New Train from Hyderabad to Visakhapatnam

1203. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the South Central Railway plan to introduce a new train from Hyderabad to Visakhapatnam after the departure of Godavari Express;

(b) whether the Railways are aware of the need for a late night train to Visakhapatnam;

(c) whether any steps have been taken to meet this requirement; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Feasibility of introduction of late night train between Hyderabad-Visakhapatnam has been examined but not found feasible due to operational and resource constraints.

Losses of Railways

1204. SHRI K.K. BIRLA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have suffered losses worth crores of rupees during the current financial year (1998-99);

(b) if so, the details of losses suffered and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government have taken any steps to check such losses in future; and